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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Priority Document
- Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Preliminary Amendments
- Small Entity Statement

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.
- The nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosure contained in this application does not comply with the requirements for such a disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 for the following reason (s):

- A copy of the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form has not been submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e).
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- **\$65** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF:	ELLIS, et al.)	
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[x] Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001 for three (3) month(s) from December 2, 2001 to March 2, 2002. Submitted herewith is check No. 12612 which includes the \$ 460.00 extension fee. If a check is lost, or otherwise does not accompany this Petition, please charge my deposit account number 50-1965 in the appropriate amount to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above numbered deposit account.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DO/EO**

This is in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States DO/EO dated October 2, 2001.

Applicant hereby submits the Oath and Declaration, signed by each of the inventors, along with check number 12612 in the amount of \$ 525.00 which includes the required surcharge of \$ 65.00.

Accompanying this submission is Applicants' Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e).

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.821(e-g), 1.825(b), and 1.825 (d)

Applicant hereby states that the Sequence Listing submitted hereto as Exhibit A is recorded in computer readable form, that it is identical to the Sequence Listing submitted herewith on 3.5" floppy diskette, and that it does not include new matter which goes beyond the disclosure in the International Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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